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## Energy Analysis Seminar Series

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### State Regulatory Perspectives on Distributed Energy Resources: The Seven (New?) Habits of Highly Effective Regulators

**Tom Stanton**

Michigan Public Service Commission

**Tuesday, October 14, 2003**

**12:15 - 1:15 p.m. (in Washington, D.C.)**

**10:15 - 11:15 a.m. (videoconference in Golden)**

Are distributed energy resources poised to be disruptive technologies that will soon revolutionize the world’s energy infrastructure, or are they just small niche players in selected markets? Tom Stanton, a senior staff member at the Michigan Public Service Commission, examines this issue during this “bonus” seminar. Stanton reviews possible scenarios for distributed energy in the near future — including one where no one will ever build another central station power plant or high-voltage transmission line. He also explores the many existing barriers to distributed energy resource implementation. Following the basic ideas Steven Covey prescribed in “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People” (1990), Stanton outlines a series of proposals for better energy market re-regulation.

**Tom Stanton** is technical assistant in the Competitive Energy Division at the Michigan Public Service Commission, where his duties revolve around the electric and natural gas utility industries changing into a more competitive industry structure. Stanton has worked in the fields of electric utility regulation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and resource management and recycling for the Michigan Public Service Commission (and before that the Michigan Energy Administration) for the past 25 years. He also has been an adjunct professor in the Department of Resource Development and an associate of the Institute of Public Utilities at Michigan State University. In addition, Stanton is a member of several state and national environmental groups. Stanton has a bachelor’s in communications and a master’s in journalism, both from Michigan State University. He is presently completing his doctorate in public administration at Western Michigan University.



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